

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2019-64-WS ORDER NO. 2019-146H

DECEMBER 17, 2019

Standing Hearing Officer: Randall Dong

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Application of CUC, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Directive Extending Time for Issuance of Final Order

HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

This Directive extends the time for issuance of the Commission's final order in the above-referenced rate case. South Carolina Code Section 58-5-240(D) provides that the Commission may extend the deadline for issuing its final order on an application for a rate increase by five days where it cannot, due to circumstances reasonably beyond its control, issue the order within six months after the date upon which the Applicant filed its proposed rate schedule. Absent extension of time, the statutory deadline for issuance of the order would be January 23, 2020. However, due to the pendency of multiple other proceedings concurrent with this case, as well as the increased demands imposed by the holiday season, there is inadequate time for preparation of transcripts and proposed orders far enough in advance of this date to allow the Commission adequate time to issue its order within the prescribed time. Commission staff has conferred with all parties to this matter, and all are in agreement that the proposed extension is needed for the benefit of all parties, Commission Staff, and the Commission. Following the application of South Carolina Rule of Civil Procedure 6(a), the extended deadline for issuance of the final order is January 30, 2020. The parties are instructed to file and serve proposed orders no later than January 16, 2020.

And it is so ordered.